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JOHN LONGDEN, an assistant to the Council of Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will preside at San Francisco stake quarterly conference sessions, Jan. 5 and 6. Accompanying Elder Longden will be Elders Lionel L. Drage, a member of the Church General Welfare staff and Roy Brown of the Genealogical Society general board. General sessions will be conducted Sunday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. by Stake President Irvin Glade Derrick, at 1399 Brunswick, Daly City. Visitors are welcome.

Stake Committee Heads Electronic Data Processing

The task of combining the forces of space-age electronic data processing equipment and the manpower of Bishoprics, ward clerks, secretaries and officers, has been accepted in the Oakland-Berkeley stake by a group of specialists who have been set apart by the stake presidency.

The Stake tabulating committee includes:

Allan R. Clyde, responsible for directing the development and coordination of the correlated tabulating system, serving as chairman, with Scott Dunham, co-chairman, in charge of administration.

Joe Kestner is supervisor of publications.

Claire Gilchrist, assisted by Beverly Call, is superisor of data processing.

Joseph Tolman is supervisor of machine processing.

Key punch operators are: Karen Close, Gladys Shurtliff, Pamela Haws Charlotte Kelsey, Florence Miele, Joan Porter and Nora Verhaaren.

Key punch and multilith, purchased by the stake, are housed at the Eastbay Interstake Center.

Temple Calendar

The Los Angeles Temple opens January 2, 1963 until December 21. It will be closed for the summer July 27 to September 3; for conferences April 5, 6 and October 4, 5; and on holidays— May 30, July 4, November 28 and 29. The Temple is also closed Sundays and Mondays.

Stake baptismal sessions are planned for Feb. 16 and June 1 at 7:30 a.m. Requests for these sessions should be made to stake chairmen.

Living endowments, marriages and sealings are at 8:00 a.m. only.

Endowment sessions, Tuesday through Friday, are: 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., and 2:15 p.m.

"Follow Me" Theme For 17-Stake Sunday School Convention Dec. 8

The call, "Follow Me," which Christ directed to his Disciples, directed action on their part. We should study this theme prayerfully, and all teachers should seek ways to direct positive action, stated David L. MCKay, first assistant General Superintendent of Church Sunday Schools, when he opened the 17-stake Sunday School convention December 8 in the Eastbay Interstake center.

Represented were Stake Superintendencies and stake board members from these 17 Northern California stakes:

American River, Fresno, Gridley, Hayward, Monterey Bay, Napa, North Sacramento, Oakland-Berkeley, Palo Alto, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Leandro, San Jose, San Mateo, Santa Rosa and Walnut Creek.

After opening execrises 22 departmental sessions were conducted by Sunday School General Board members. This was the last of this type of convention for auxiliaries. In 1963, as a result of work already completed by the Church Correlation committee, and recommendations which have been studied and acccepted bythe First Presidency, auxiliary conventions will be worked out with the quarterly conference schedules for each stake.

On Sunday, the 23 general board members who attended the Saturday sessions then went to each Stake for meetings on Sunday afternoon with ward superintendencies and bishoprics.

Bay Education District Meets

The Bay District Education convention will be held on January 11 in the Interstake center at 7:30 p.m. according to Kenneth W. Godfrey, Bay District Seminary Coordinator. Bishops and counselors and their wives and all members of ward and stake education committee have been requested to attend.

R. Kates Offers Feb. 3 Concert

Robert Kates is organist in charge of the February 3 concert at 4 p.m. in the Eastbay Interstake Center. This is another of the free concerts offered the first Sunday of each month.

Mr. Kates, a fine recitalist, is recognized as one of the finest organ designers and builders on the west coast and has been called (together with his partner, William Swain) as consultant for many churches considering new or re-designed instruments.

He will be assisted by a chamber group consisting of the following instruments and people:

Annabelle Rieke, mezzo-soprano; Kenneth Combs and Jack McHenry, trumpets; Howard Ballinger, bassoon; Audrey Kursinski, recorder; and Marthah Martin, oboe.

The program will include French Noels and works by Purcell, Walther, Bach, ViValdi, Maurice Greene, Langlais and Arnold.

Conferences Set

Stake Conferences for the Bay Area in January and February will include:

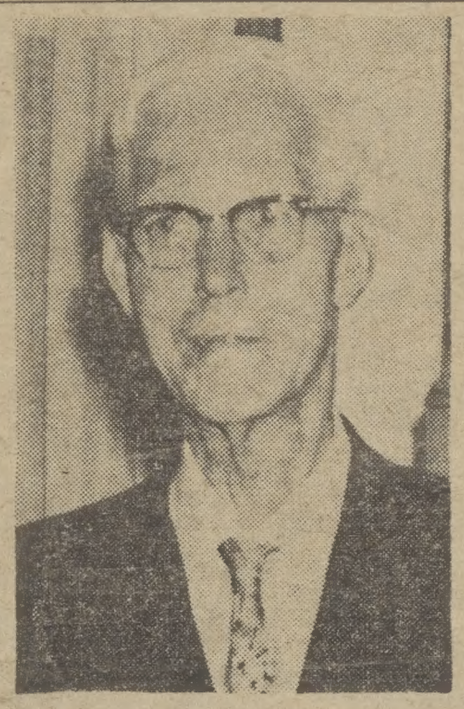
Jan. 5 & 6—San Francisco stake John Longden, assistant to the Council of the Twelve.

Jan. 19-20—Walnut Creek Stake—a general authority, and missionary and welfare sessions.

Jan. 26-27—Palo Alto—general authority.

Feb. 2 & 3—Oakland-Berkeley—Relief Society and Primary general board members.

Santa Rosa stake meets Jan. 26-27; San Jose, Feb. 9 & 10; and Napa Feb. 16-17.



ISAAC B. BALL, Patriarch of Oakland-Berkeley since 1938, and business manager of The Messenger of Northern Caliifornia since 1946, was honored at funeral services in the Berkeley First ward chapel December 4.

Rachel Ball To Keep Bookstore

Welcome news to East Bay members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the fact that Rachel Ball, widow of I. B. Ball, will retain the bookstore which he established.

The basement bookstore at 1612 Spruce Street will continue with a large inventory of books and supplies.

Sister Ball will continue the policy of handling orders by mail. The store will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except Sunday.

Temple Trips

Temple excursions in Oakland-Berkeley stake will be sponsored by wards in 1963, according to Dennis Lauper of the Stake High Council. Suggested dates, with wards arranging their own transportation, are:

January 26, May 18, March 16, July 20, September 28 and November 16.

Services Honor Stake Patriarch I. B. Ball, Dec. 4

Funeral services in memory of Isaac B. Ball, Oakland-Berkeley Stake Patriarch were held December 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the Berkeley ward chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Bishop James E. Sabine officiating.

Brother Ball died December 1, 1962 after a long illness, at the age of 82. He was born July 17, 1880 in Salt Lake City.

He had served as patriarch of the Oakland-Berkeley stake since 1938. A Berkeley resident since 1926, he lived at 1612 Spruce Street, where his wife, Rachel, will continue to operate the I. B. Ball bookstore. He taught for 20 years at Willard Junior high school. Since his retirement in 1946 from the Berkeley department of education, he had served as business manager and editor of the Messenger of Northern Califfornia. He retired as editor in 1957, but continued as business manager.

He is survived by his widow, Rachel; a daughter, Mrs. Marcelle Karpus of Berkeley; a son, Russell H. Ball II of Pleasant Hill, with the atomic energy commission; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Two Oakland-Berkeley stake patriarchs participated in the services: Robert T. Paine gave the invocation; and Eugene Hilton gave the graveside prayer. Benediction was by Bishop Denzel C. Allen. Mary Russell Burton was organist.

Music was by a group from the Mormon Male Chorus, accompanied by Mrs. Grace Boyack; and by Singing Mothers.

Speakers were: Bishop James E. Sabine, Bishop A. D. Ericksen, and Bishop Leland J. Fife.

Bishop Sabine in his tribute to Brother Ball who was "universally beloved" included biographical data which is printed on page 5 of this isssue of the Messenger.

Bishop Fife said: "I. B. was a great man—he meant so much to so many people in so many ways. We can all rejoice in the fact that this great leader, this wonderful worker with his humor and his intelligence entered our lives.

Bishop Ericksen said there was never any retirement for Brother and Sister Ball, only changes of work. He paid tribute to him for some of the things he did: put the Messenger on a paying basis; helped establish the Liahona Camp; and started a book store for the convenience of East Bay saints.

Editor Pays Tribute To A Newspaperman

(Editor's Note: One of the greatest tributes to an editor is to be called a newspaperman by another editor. Claremont Press Editor Sewell Glinternick, in his front-page column, 'The Safety Valve" wrote the kind of tribute that ought to be reprinted for readers of The Messenger of Northern California. Your Messenger requested, and was granted, the privilege of re-printing the column.

● **ONE OF** the worst jobs in publishing a neighborhood paper is writing the obituaries—those cold, impersonal death notices that mark the end of some nice person's life.

● **ON A** big paper an obituary is a matter of lesser importance, an assignment which usually goes to the cub reporter just starting out in the business.

● **ON A** paper like this, it's an entirely different matter. It's a far more personal thing—and is darn difficult to handle. How can you possibly put the sum total of a man's life into three or four paragraphs of type—especially when you have come to know and like him?

● **IT'S AN** impossible task—but one we face here time and time again. This week is another one of those times. We sat down to write the story about the death of an area resident—a newspaperman we knew—and found the things we had to say about him just didn't belong in a straight news story.

● **NO STRAIGHT** obituary could do justice to I. B. Ball of Berkeley. He wasn't famous, so his name probably means nothing to you. To those who knew him it's a far different story.

● **AS WE** said, he was a newspaperman—but not in the ordinary sense. He completed a successful career as a teacher in Berkeley and then, when he had retired, entered the field of journalism—church journalism. Practically singlehandedly he started a paper for the Mormon Church and built it into a large, highly professional publication with circulation throughout Northern California.

● **IN ALL** the years we knew him he was a model of all the virtues taught in journalism school—and a tribute to the enobeling values of all religions.

● **JOURNALISTICALLY HE** believed in and practiced fair play. Never once during the many years we knew him did we see him allow his personal feelings to intrude themselves into a news story. He served his church well by always trying to put out absolutely the best newspaper he could.

● **AS A** man, he was a person any church could be proud of. He was kind, generous, understanding and unusually sympathetic to the problems of others. He wasn't perfect—but it wasn't because he was not always trying to be. And, there's not many men you can say that about!

● **I. B. BALL** was a man we were proud to have as a friend—and where do you fit a fact like that into an ordinary obituary?

● **IF WE** know him at all, he's probably already organized and started publication of a paper for the Heavenly Host. And, we're willing to bet it's the best darned paper those angels have ever seen.

● **AFTER ALL,** those angel's probably haven't seen too many editors before!

Six Genealogy Sessions Set

Special genealogical training classes will be held in the baptistry at the Interstake Center on fourth Saturdays, January through June, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. First hour will be on American research under the direction of Pearl A. Sparks; the second hour, British research, will be taught by Mary Russell. Topics are:

Jan.—Influence of History and Geography on Research.

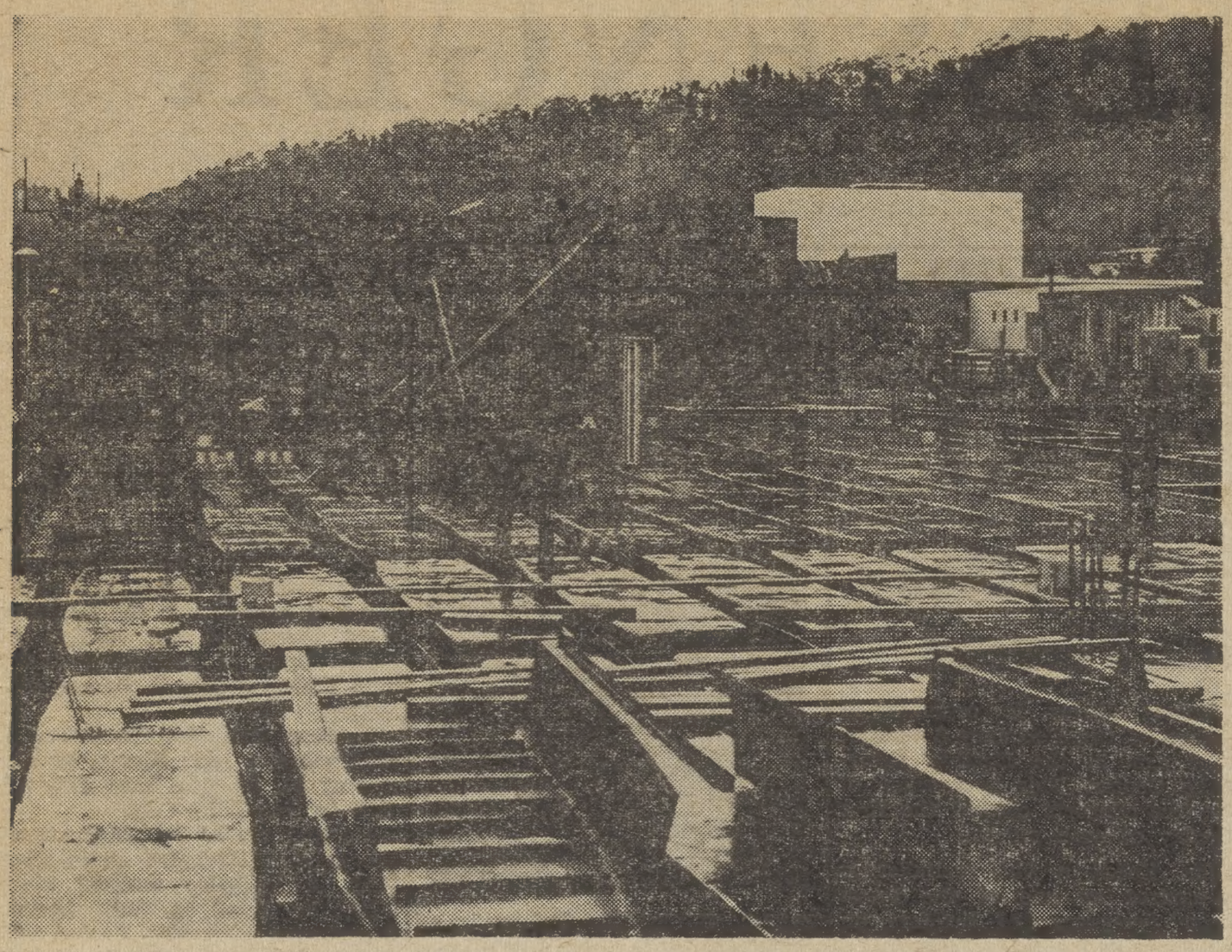
Feb.—Early Handwriting and Dating.

March—Interpretation of Index Materials.

April—Location of Records.

May—Planning a Research Program.

June—Variations of Evidence and its value.



ALMOST SEVEN MONTHS OF PROGRESS is shown in this December 17 photo of the Oakland Temple —ground was broken May 26. Looking northeast toward the Eastbay Interstake Center, this view shows most of the west side of the Temple, the ground floor, and wall for the second story. (Photo by Bob McCrea)

Bay Area Notes & Quotes

EVILS AND DESIGNS

Concerning "evils and designs which do and will exist in the hearts of conspiring men in the last days," President Henry D. Moyle, first counselor in the First Presidency, at the 20th annual Joseph Smith "Memorial Service" at Utah State University Stake Center in Logan, said: "President McKay frequently has impressed upon my mind the fact that if the Prophet Joseph had given us nothing but the 89th Section and the 121st section of the Doctrine and Covenants, he would have given us enough to justify our recognizing him fully as a Prophet of God with a mission to perform here upon the earth."

THE CHURCH NEWS

The more we see of the Church News section of the Deseret News the more we feel that all members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints should subscribe to it. If you don't believe your Messenger editor, borrow the Church Section from someone else for awhile and you'll soon wonder how you've been getting along without it.

ANSWER FOR YOUTH

The trend to moral decay is due to confusion . . . the Church has the answer for youth as to where they came from, why they are here, and where they are going, said Alvin R. Dyer, assistant to the Council of the Twelve when he addressed the "Seminary Leadership and You" convention on the University of Utah campus.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Happy New Year and best wishes and thanks for your help to all who assist with the publishing of The Messenger of Northern California. All are needed to place this newspaper in Bay Area homes each month . . . the mailers., the business and advertising managers, the ward reporters, the associate editors.

Concerning this time of the year which is named after the two-faced gate-keeper, Janus, we wish we could reprint the message from the First Presidency which appears in the December 15 issue of the Church News. If you haven't read it we hope you will do so. It deals with the tremendous advance in all kinds of knowledge and how this relates to our Lord and Master.

STUDENT CENTER

President Hugh B. Brown recently dedicated the David O. Mc Kay Student Living Center at Logan, Utah. The service for the eight buildings was held before a capacity crowd in the Utah State University stake center.

"The erection of living centers for students helps to bring the home and its influence into the campus" he said.

PRES. WARREN E. PUGH

Warren E. Pugh, recently released as president of the Northern California mission, has been appointed supervisor of stake missions in area three of Salt Lake City. This area includes nine stakes in the southeastern section of the city.

"The thing that holds the membership of the Church back from proselyting is their own fear in meeting people. The only answer to this is a greater knowledge and experience in interesting their friends in hearing the gospel," he said.

GERMAN STAKES GROW

Work of the Church in the stakes and missions of Germany including the Berlin area is progressing at a normal pace with the leaders of people showing great courage and faith in themselves and in the government, Elder Harold B. Lee reported in the Church News after a three-week visit to Europe.

AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND

Missions and stakes are showing subsantial growth in membership as well as in faith . . . attendance at meetings is increasing with 41 to 54 per cent of membership attending stake conferences, Elder Ezra T. Benson reported as he ended a six-week tour of stakes and missions in New Zealand and Australia.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Seminary religious education program of the Church is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. From 70 students in 2 classes, growth has risen to 82,000 students in 158 released-time seminaries and 1,075 non-released-time seminaries. (this does not include college institutes).

My Testimony

He Counseleth In Wisdom . . .

By Mabel B. Liddell

"Seek not to counsel the Lord, but to take counsel from his hand. For behold, ye yourselves know that he counseleth in wisdom, and in justice, and in great mercy over all his works."

"I cannot accent too strongly that we should be willing at all times to take counsel and follow the instructions of those who preside over us in all things. In order to be a good leader you must be a good follower."

These were the words of Holger M. Larsen, highly respected and beloved former President of the Danish Mission, who is now libing in San Francisco. From his own life's rich experience he related the following as personal evidence of the divinity of this church and the certainty of the Lord's guidanc if w oby the counsel of our leaders:

"Several years ago while I was traveling out of Ogden for the Gunn Supply Company, I spent some time in La Grande, Oregon where I often attended church. One Sunday one of the brethren asked me to give the opening prayer in Sunday School. I was asked to especially remember one brother who was very sick at home. I accepted the opportunity and did as I was requested.

"About two weeks later when in La Grande again, I stopped in at the office of Wm. D. Hanks, Stake President of Union Stake. He asked if I remembered offering the prayer. I did, and he told me that he had learned this story from both the man and the wife.

"On that particular Sunday morning, the sick man was lying in bed as his wife was busy working about the room. All of a sudden, he asked her to be quiet. "One of the brethren in Sunday School is praying for my health and I can hear every word he is saying," he explained. After this divinely given encouragement, the man recovered enough to be up and about the city.

"I moved to La Grande later on and it came about in this way. One Sunday I was there for Stake Conference and in the afternoon, while out for a walk, I met Elder Melvin J. Ballard of the Council of the Twelve. He was the general authority visiting our conference. He was at the railroad station, sitting on his suitcase, waiting for a train. I knew him well—he had ordained me a High Priest and set me apart as a member of the bishopric in Ogden. He said, "These brethren inLa Grande want you to move here and be their Stake Clerk. The present one is being released today." I asked, "What do you say, Brother Ballard?" He ducked his head for a moment, then answered, "I would say, you do it." I promised him that I would be in La Grande ready for the assignment in thirty days.

"At this time I had a very good position in Portland as Branch Manager for my firm and I had no work or promise of work in La Gande. I knew however, that if the Lord wanted me there he would provide a way. I telephoned my wife that we were moving to La Grnde and she thought I surely must be crazy. We had three children at the time and were very well situated in Portland.

"A week later as I stopped in La Grande again the hotel clerk advised me that Dr. Richardson at the hospital wanted to talk to me. When I met him, he asked, "How soon can you come and manage the hospital? We want you to be our new superintendent."

"Dr. Richardson was not a member of the church and knew nothing of my church assignment or promise to Elder Ballard. He and I had became acquainted only through my work. As I accepted his offer, I thought of my promise to be there in thirty days and how the Lord had arranged everything for me in one week.

"We spent the next five years in La Grande where I had opportunity for great development by being clerk in a newly formed stake and the choice privilege of associating with the general authorities four times each year."

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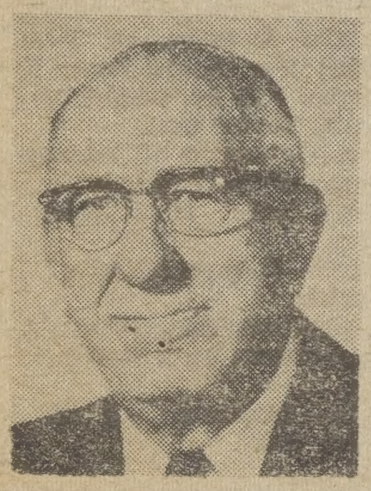

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Two Wards Join For Yule Party

San Leandro and San Leandro Second ward Relief Societies held their Christmas party together. A large crowd enjoyed a program and luncheon. Julie Wakefield, daughter of Ed and Virginia Wakefield, did an Hawaiian dance, a modern Jazz number and a pantomime. Gertrude Lesser of Hayward First ward gave a comic reading. She brought along a wishing tree she had made and the ladies picked a wish which they read aloud. Tables were decorated by Avon Peart.

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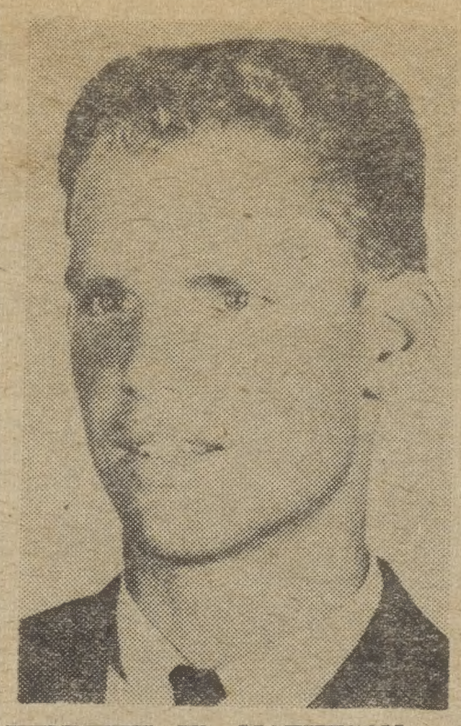
Hayward Ward

Choir Presents Cantata Dec. 23

"The Babe of Behlehem" a cantata by Bernard Hamblen, was performed by the Hayward ward choir for Sacrament Services December 23, Gwen Edmunds directed with Jane Sylvester as organist, Marge Wallace as pianist. Those who sang solo parts wereRuth and Blaine Wilson, Donna Johnson, Ramoona Foeman, Myrtle Davidson and Bishop Shannon Murphy. A speaking part to introduce the cantata was by Harry Hollingshaus.

The holiday spirit was in evidence in Hayward ward as all the organizations cooperated to present a Christmas program and party, December 22. The MIA on December 18 held their annual Christmas caroling party and delivered fresh fruits to a number of families. They returned to the ward for chili and chocolate.

Harry Hollingshaus, president of the Hayward stake mission has recently returned from a flying trip to Europe where he visited members of his father's family, renwed acqcaintances in his field of missionary labors in Germany, and visited with David Crokett in Paris and Bernie Stewart in Zurich, Switzerland, both Elders from Hayward. David is son of Cless and Vera Crokett and Bernie's parents are Madge and Bernard Stewart.



KENNETH W. MATHESON, of the Oakland Third ward, called to the Eastern States mission, was honored at a farewell testimonial December 30.

Alameda Ward

South Americans Visit Harrisons

The Dan Harrisons of Alameda ward have been hosts for visitors from South American for the past several months.

In June, a nephew of Sister Harrison's from Sao Paulo, Brazil, arrived to spend a week, during which time visits were made to San Francisco, the Monterey Peninsula, and the East Bay.

In early July, Vera da Silva Mello, Sister Harrison's niece from Campinas, Brazil, arrived to spend six weeks, but liked it so well that she stayed for five months. While here, she saw Disneyland and Los Angeles, much of North California, spent her 20th birthday in Reno, and visited Provo and Salt Lake City. One of the things that impressed her most was a tour of BYU.

While she was here, Vera also attended adult education classes in English for Foreign Born and textile painting in Berkeley, San Francisco and Alameda.

In late November, Sister Harrison's brother, Dr. Jose J. daSilva Mello, arrived accompanied by a priest of the Catholic church, and spent eight days at the Harrison home. These days were spent in visiting, sight-seeing, and in discussing the principles of the Gospel. These visitors were very much impressed with the works and programs of the Church. They were most impressed with the stress the Church places on family unity and the ways in which this is promoted.

Great interest was shown in the buildings of the Church, especially the new Temple which is under construction, but also the Inter-Stake Center and the Alameda Ward.

Livermore Ward

S. Murray Leaves Ward Bishopric

Seymour Murray was released as First Counselor in the Bishopric of Livermore Ward. Ronald Rawlins was sustained as Second Counselor. Joseph Steenblik moved from Second Counselor to First Counselor. The Murray family are moving to Marin, Sy having been transfered to the San Francisco office of his company. Brother and Sister Rawlins and their two children came to our ward last summer from Salt Lake City.

Other ward personnel changes include the release of Robert Allen as Ward Clerk to enable him to serve as Scoutmaster. Grady Edenfield, who recently moved here with his wife and children, was sustained as Ward Clerk. Thomas Kennedy replaced Gerald Carling as Aaronic Priesthood Secretary; Brother Carling has been ill for several months with a series of operations on his back.

New babies in the ward include boys to the Darrell Christensens, the James Coles, and the Bill Silvers: and girls for the Tom Kennedys and the Clifford Orgills.

Among ward members spending the holidays with out-of-town friends and relatives were Marily and Larry McGrew, Maureen Maycock, Willie and Clifford Sorensen, Pat and Donald Stowell, and Beverly and Eldon Williams and their families.

The Livermore ward choir is again singing at Sacrament meetings under the direction of Dennis Wilson. Many move voices are needed.

Berkeley II

Holiday Party On December 19

Berkeley Second Ward held a pot-luck dinner party with all the Christmas trimmings on December 19.

Three of our ward members are at home now, recovering from serious operations. They are Scott Dunham, Irene DeRouen and Kay Wallace.

O. LESLIE STONE has been elected chairman of the board of Skaggs-Stone, Inc., Oakland, California, according to an announcement by Herman C. Nolen, chairman of the booard, McKesson and Robbins, Inc. Skaggs-Stone is a subsidiary of McKesson. Ralph E. Diamond, former viice president of Skaggs-Stone, succeeds Mr. Stone as presisdent and chief executive officer. President of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake, Brother Stone has ben president of Skaggs-Stone since its inception in 1946.

Stake Concert And Ball Dec. 7

The Christmas Concert and Ball presented December 7 by the San Francisco Stake Relief Society was a wonderful evening. A large and enthusiastic audience enjoyed the concert by the Singing Mothers. Jean Lauper was director with Mable, George, accompanist.

The guest artists were unusually fine. Jean Fraenkel, a brilliant soprano, sang a group of operatic arias, accompanied by Rowene Basinger, and Inara Upmanis, a talented young pianist charmed the audience with her selections by Brahms, Chopin, Strauss and Liszt.

Dancing was enjoyed until after midnight.

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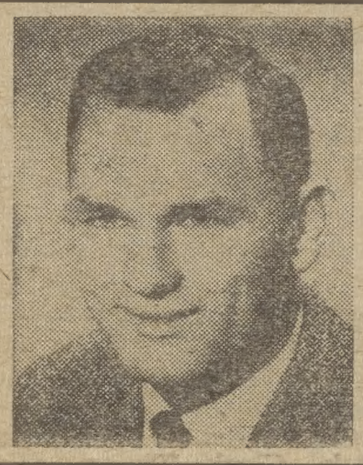

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Funeral services were held December 19 in the Walnut Creek Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for Jonathan E. Openshaw, 53, who died in a futile attempt to save the life of a fellow worker at Edwards Air Force base. Services were under the direction of the Oak Park Hills chapel of Pleasant Hill.

Brother Openshaw had served as a scoutmaster in the Pleasanton Hill area for 12 years before moving to Lancaster a year ago. He was a civilian employee for the U. S. Army of Engineers.

He is survived by his widow, Margaret.

Spokesmen said that Brother Openshaw and Donald J. Till of Oregon fell from a liquid oxygen tank Friday, December 14, while washing down a rocket with a poisonous chemical. When Openshaw saw Till's protective mask had fallen off, he attempted to replace it, but his own mask came loose and both men were overcome by the deadly fumes.

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JUNIOR FIRESIDE MEMBERS of Castro Valley Second ward made a call to Kathy Brian residing in Murnau, Germany, during the ward Christmas party December 21. The Brian are spending a year in Germany where Bates is on sabbatical leave from San Lorenzo high school. The call was completed in the evening of December 21, Castro Valley time—but 6 a.m. December 22, Murnau time. (Murnau is about ten minutes from Munich). Frank Rowe had the phones hooked up to a loud speaker and a recorder. After the youths exchanged personal greetings, they joined in singing "We Wish You A Merry Christmas." The Junior Fireside group held a bake sale and used part of the funds for the long-distance call and part for the ward building and Temple building funds. Shown, left to right are: Louis Boyle, president; Frank Rowe stake dance director; Cathy Stephens and Mary Jo Reed on the inter-continental hook-up.

Places Books

Ray Blied, formerly of Berkeley, but now in the High Priest Presidency in San Mateo, has obtained permission to place more than a thousand Books of Mormon. Most of them will be placed in the Hilton Inn at the San Francisco airport; other in the Thunderbird.

Concord Ward

Relief Society Is Reorganized

The Concord ward Relief Society has been reorganizated with Treasure Barfuss as the new first counselor and with Mignon LaFontaine as the new secretary.

Concord ward Relief Society held their annual bazaar November 30 in the Concord ward recreation hall and in the Relief Society room. The evening began with a spaghetti dinner for approximately 250 people. A program was presented and a fishpond, a clown and balloon helped engaga the near generation. The many hand-made articles on sale and home-made breads and candies caught the attention of Christmas shoppers.

Concord ward now enjoys the services of a fine choir under the direction of Albert Schmuhl, with Gwen Durrant as accompanist. Special numbers are presented each Sunday in Sacrament meeting.

Cooncord ward joined with the Oakland Grove ward and Concord Second Ward for a New Year's Party and Dance in the Concord recreation hall, December 31 at 9 p.m.

Congratulations to: Johnny and Barbara Kate for their new daughter, born December 2 at Concord Community hospital.

Congratulations to Gary Cox, Steven Jackman and Kevin Swanson. They were awarded graduation certiciates from Pryimary by Bishop Ted Madsen at the Dec. 16, Sacrament meeting They were ordained Deacons Dec. 23.

Fred and Darlene Olsen, our new Young Married Leaders led a Caroling Party to visit shut-ins and widows in the ward, Thursday, Dec. 20.

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County Officers Plan January '63 Party For D.U.P.

All officers of the Alameda County Daughters of Utah Pioneers, met December 3 to plan their annual holiday party. County Captain Pearl Meine chaired the meeting, which was held at the home of LaVaun Johnson of Berkeley camp.

After a luncheon, first vice captain Myrtle Famariss was named chairman of the food committee; 2nd vice captain Adelia Bates of Castro Valley Camp and LaVaun Johnson were made co-chairmen of entertainment.

Bishops and their wives, as well as Captains of all campus in the county and their partners are invited to the affair which will be held in the Oakland Fourth ward recreation hall January 18.

LaVaun Johnson was officially appointed a liaison officer by Central Camp Captain Kate B. Carter of Salt City to attend all affairs in he Bay Area and as far south as Modesto.

Myrtle Famariss of Oakland Fourth ward camp gave a detailed report of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers national convention held in Salt Lake City in October. Two interesting books of pioneer stories, "Hole in The Rock" by Miller, and "Folklore of Mormons" by Austin Fife were introduced.

Others present were: Anna Neita L. VanNoy of Dimond Camp, Leone Patton of Berkeley Camp; Evangeline Pedler of Elmhurst camp, and Adelia Bates, Edna Stokes, Melba Day and Aura Kirk of Castro Valley Camp.

Polynesian Ward

Teachers Visited 100% In Dec.

By Lucy Matsu

Polynesian ward teachers, by report day December 24, had visited 100% of the families.

A ward dinner and dance, with a floor show featuring professional entertainment and a ward orchestra, was given December 1 for more than 400 persons. Funds raised will help meet the ward budget.

The Polynesian ward Christmas program, December 18, featured "The Nativity" by the Primary group under the direction of Margaret Feagaimaalii. Music by the Samoan group (male voices); and a trio by the Hawaiian sisters, were enjoyed. Gifts were distributed to the children and refreshments and dancing closed the evening.

On December 24 the Polynesian ward choir, under the direction of Anamani Tuia went caroling.

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NITA HILTON, at a December award night, received the first seven-year medallion for girls receiving individual awards in the Oakland Third ward. A daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Eugene Hilton, she is in her second year at Brigham Young University. Along with her church attendance and activity necessary to qualify for an individual award, she taught and led singing in the Oakland Third ward primary.

Oakland Fourth

Program, Dinner Honor 16 Girls

Special recognition at a Sunday evening Sacrament service November 25, and a dinner as guests of the Oakland Fourth ward Bishopric on December 3, honored 16 girls who received individual awards. Also honored were four teachers from the Young Women's MIA: Adeline Pratt for 5 years; Marjorie Dean for one year; Irene Webb for three years and Margaret Wright for 10 years.

The 16 girls are: Bonnie Bobet, Laurie Hawkins and Linda Rowland for their first year individual awards; Laura Nackos, Kathie Soderberg, Janet Tait and Kris Soderberg for two yeas; Bonnie Hawkins, Ileen Verhaaren, Miriam Wright and Henrietta Body for three years; Sue Schuyler and Ann Thompsen for five years; and Jill Hawkins, Barbara Wright and Nora Verhaaren for six years.

All girls of MIA age were invited to the dinner.

An Evening in Social Hall, presented by the MIA was a "Hit" according to all who saw it on November 27.

Special feature of the evening was the play, "Perfection" by Thomas H. Bayly. Mardy Condie directed and cast included: Jim Hattley, Neil Christensen, Bill Dent, Henrietta Body, Janet Tait and Millie Costner. Mutual officers and teachers assisted with music, welcomes, staging, and dancing. The Quilting Bee by Barbar Martin and Marjorie Hawkins; several dance numbers, and a surprise "Let the Sunshine In" were featured.

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I. B. Ball, True Latter-day Saint

Isaac B. Ball, Patriarch of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake, who was honored at funeral services December 4 in the Berkeley chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will long be remembered by the works he left behind. Praised as a "true Latter-day Saint," he was always willing to assist in any way he could with the Lord's work . . . and always willing to counsel those who brought their troubles to him.

In one of the old issues of The Messenger of Northern California appeared the following biography of "one of the great and good men of this time."

Isaac B. Ball was born in Salt Lake City, July 17, 1880, where his father had located after he had driven his ox team across the plains from a location near Omaha in 1863. His father came from England by way of New Orleans. "I. B." was married to Rachel Hodgson in the Salt Lake Temple in 1902.

He taught a one-room school of 7 grades in Salt Lake County and fourth grade in Moab.

He filled a mission to the Eastern States in 1901-03; received a B. S. degree from Utah State University (then Utah State Agricultural college) and a B. A. from the University of Utah.

He taught at Granite high school when the first seminary in the church was established across from that school and when Adam Bennion was teacher and principal and Spencer Cornwall was teacher of music.

During world war I he served as Superintendent of schools for Sevier county, Utah, and then for eight years as a state vocational suprvisor with the state superintendent of schools for Utah.

In 1924 and 1925 he came to the University of California as a research assistant in Haviland Hall. He returned to Berkeley in 1927 to complete work for his M. A. in education and to take up residence there. Because of failing health he was unable to take on position of school superintendent or principal in California. He taught, until his retirement in 1946, general science, in Willard Junior high school, Berkeley.

He served on the old Oakland Stake high council, and was made patriarch in 1938. Taught Gospel doctrine classes in Sunday School for many years, and also led the Deseret Club discussion groups at the University of California prior to the coming of the LDS Institute to Berkeley. He served on the committee that found the present site for the Institute.

Upon retirement from school teaching in 1946, he became editor of the revived Messenger and its business manager. He served as business manager from that time until his death, but retired as editor in late 1957. In 1946 the paper had zero assets and no budget. With the loyalty of the Liahona Club business men and their Messenger ads he succeeded in financing the paper from month to month until at present it carries a proper bank balance and is on a good business basis. The circulation has grown from one stake and 2800 subscribers to five stakes and over 9000 subscribers. In size the paper is several times as large as before 1946.

I. B. and Rachel Ball celebrated their golden wedding anniversary September 3, 1952. In 1955 he went to the supposed Book of Mormon lands in Southern Mexico with Thomas S. Ferguson and party on a six weeks exploratory tour in the back country, camping out and searching for old sites for further exploration.

LUCY MATSU has been graduated from Bay City College of Medical Assistants, Where she held honor award of a straight A average. Mrs. Matsu is teacher trainer for the Polynesian ward; secretary of the genealogy committee; speech and drama director for the MIA; and has served as course advisor for the San Francisco Stake Sunday School board. Her husband is chairman of the Polynesian ward genealogy committee and was formerly Branch President in Hilo, Hawaii. The Matsus have four adopted children.

Freed Of Two Felony Counts

Mrs. Lenna Hill, mother of eight children, and Relief Society President for the Ft. Bragg Branch, charged on two counts with felony manslaughter, has been found "not guilty" by Judge Robert Winslow.

In the week-long trial which resulted from an auto accident in which two children (walking) were killed, the principal character witness for Mrs. Hill was Mrs. Eunice Southwick, city clerk at Ft. Bragg.

The District Attorney prosecuted the case the Oakland firm of Ferguson (Thomas S.) and Glen defended. Two "confessiions" were ruled inadmissable by Judge Winslow.

Mrs. Hill is wife of Ft. Bragg Branch President Claude Hill.

Hayward Second

Ward Building To Start Soon

By Sallie Hammarstrom

Hayward Second Ward is actively engaged in a building program. Construction will start soon on Gading Road for our new Chapel. We encourage all members to dig deep and help our Bishopric in this monumental project.

Our Sunday School has a new Superintendency headed by John Starkweather, with Ed Allen as First Assistant and Lyle Burke as Second Assistant. Dave Anderson who served our Ward faithfully has been called to serve with Jerry Goodwin on the Stake Board.

The Ward Christmas Party was held Dec. 21. There was an entertaining program and Santa Claus was the featured guest.

Don't forget the Temple trip Jan. 11 and 12.

The Annual Elders' Quorum dinner will be Dec. 22nd at the home of Pres. Stone, 44 Bellevue Avenue, Piedmont. Entertainment will be by the Woodsmen. Price is $2.50 or $5.00 a couple. Call Doug Stone 782-8827 or Bill McCleary 581-5973 for further information.

The Primary held a sucessful Progressive Dinner Dec. 8th. The appetizers were served at Douglas', the salads at Anderson's, the main course at McCain's, and the final touch to a wonderful evening, dessert at Furgeson's. Caroling and white elephant gifts were enjoyed.

The MIA is busy teaching our youth to focus their talents on serving the Lord. Dec. 19th is the caroling party, with refreshments. Many activities are in the offing for the Holiday Season. Check with your leaders for all the details.

Congratulations to Jackie O' Starr and Ted Esser. They will be married Dec. 21st. in the LosAngeles Temple. Upon their return home they will live on Gading Road and continue their fine work in the MIA as YWMIA Attendance Sec. and YMMIA Sec. The MIA officers were hostesses for a lovely shower for Jackie. Helen Anderson's home was the setting, and games were played and delicious refreshments were enjoyed. Again our congratulations.

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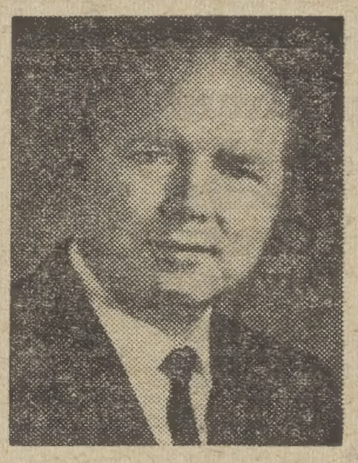

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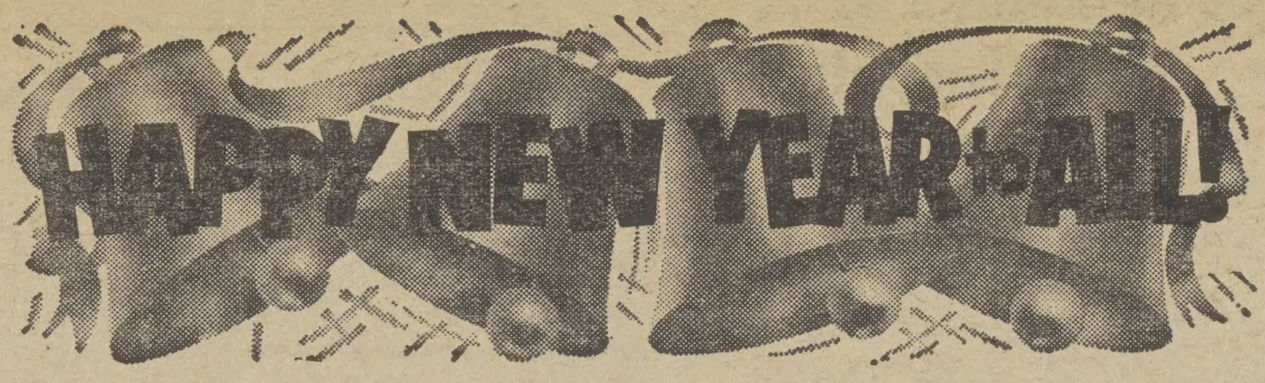

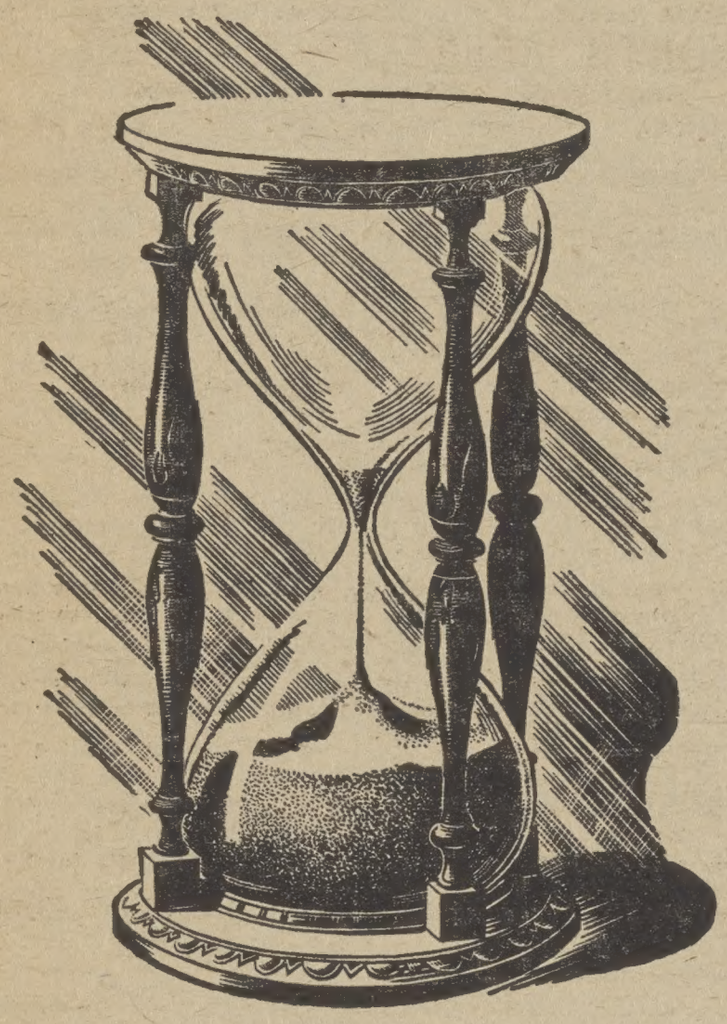

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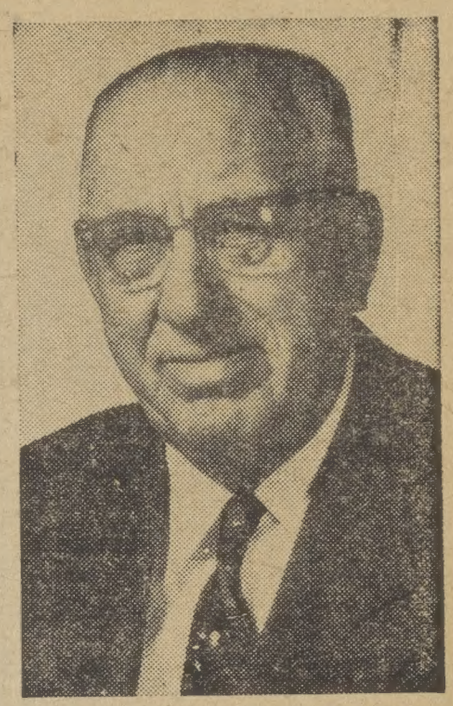

HELGER M. LARSEN, a former Bishop, and now a member of the San Francisco Stake high council, is associated with Suhr and Wieboldt, funeral chapels, at 1465 Valencia Street, San Francisco. He serves as a consultant on all funerals for members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Ken Matheson To Eastern States Mission Feb. 4

Kenneth W. Matheson, son of Kenneth G. and Emma Mathesonn, has been called to labor in the Eastern States Mission. A farewell testimonial was held Sunday, Dec. 30 at 6:30 in the Oakland Third Ward Chapel. Elder Matheson will enter the mission home Feb. 4.

Ken is a graduate of Fremont High School in Oakland and was active in music and athletics. He was awarded a music scholarship to the BYU where he is attending his Sophomore year. He has always been active in Church work, having six 100 per cent attendance awards and his "Duty to God" Award. He was Sunday School Chorister for two years, and was a member of the Youth Missionary Committee. He has also been active in the athletic program of the Church, being a member of the ward basketball team that went to the All-Church Tournament, and being the catcher on the softball team that won he Division Championship for four consecutive years. He received the "Most Valuable Softball Player" award in the stake.

Ken was one of three boys chosen to represent the Oakland-Berkeley Stake at the Conference of the "Fellowship of Christian Athletes" at Estes Park, Colorado in 1961. He was also sponsored by the Board of Education to attend the Governor's Conference on "Youth for Community Service" at Long Beach, California.

The entire family is active in the Church. The father was recently released as ward clerk, which position he held for seven years; the mother is ward organist;; his brother, Wes, is presently serving in the Uruguayan Mission, and younger brother, Larry is eligible for his fourth Individual Award with 100 per cent attendance. Ken will be the fourteenth full-time missionary to represent the Oakland 3rd Ward a the present time.

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San Lorenzo 2nd

Ward Christmas Party, Program

By Elverna Botts

San Lorenzo Second Ward had a successful Christmas program and party, with Santa Claus there to visit the children.

The Relief Society had a Christmas luncheon and program. Gertrude Lesser was the guest with Marge Remington playing a piano solo, Norma Hartley singing a solo, and caroling by the sisters.

The Primary had a Christmas Dinner Party at the Meine home. They had as special guests Margaret Beatty, Betty Neil, and Joan Carr. Sister Lauretta Clifton was sustained to the Primary board.

San Lorenzo Second Ward received a letter from our missionary Roy King from Finland. He reported that he is learning the language and is enjoying his work.

We have two recent converts that we would like to congratulate: John and Arlene Wisecup.

New ordinations for the month: Richard E. Smith, Elder; Dennis Scheuller, Priest; and Roy Tatman, Deacon.

Two new babies blessed for this month were Christine Marie Clegg and Diana Lynn Clifton.

Grass Valley's Cornwall Choir Sings Jan. 6

The Grass Valley Carol Choir will be heard in its annual program of traditional carols of Cornwall, England, on Sunday, January 6, at the Shattuck Avenue Methodist Church, corner 63rd and Shattuck Avenue, Oakland. The choir will appear in two concerts, one at 4:00 p.m. and the second one at 7:00 p.m. The doors will be open an hour earlier for each service.

The 40 voice male choir, was first organized between 75 and 85 years ago in Grass Valley.

For over 40 years, Harold George has directed the choir. Many of the men who sing in the choir started as boys working in the tin mines of Cornwall, singing soprano and alto parts. They came to this country and settled in Grass Valley, where they continued singing the traditional "curls," many of which are not in manuscript form. The present group of boys have learned the carols from the older generation.

The public is invited. There will be no admission charge, but a currency offering will be taken to defray expenses, according to Wm P. Ralph, Chairman of Arrangements.

This will be the only East Bay appearance of the choir.

Berkeley I

Berkeley I, II Party Togehter

By Charlene Jenson

Berkeley First and Second wards, December 18, held a Christmas party together. The Second ward presented a play and the First ward youth choir sang carols. Punch and cookies were served during the evening of dancing.

Beehive girls of Berkeley First ward had a a gay time s'anghaing the MIA Maids at 6 a.m. one December morning. The girls gathered at the Burton home for rolls and orange juice. Prizes were given for the sleepiest, funniest and hardest to wake up.

Laurels had a pot-luck dinner at the home of Alma Dean Feller, their teacher. Each girl invited her mother and one other guest. Each mother received a gift made by her daughter. Sister Wright and Sister Sorenson of the YWMIA stake board attended as well as Sister Hilton of the Walnut Creek stake YWMIA stake presidency. The Young women's presidency of our ward also received gifts.

MIA Maids and Explorers held a candy pull in the ward kitchen during December.

Berkeley First ward conference was held the week of December 9 under the direction of Elmo R. Smith of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake Presidency.

Christmas Eve, at 7 p.m., the ward held a get-together for all ward families and friends. Light refreshments were served and singing highlighted the evening.

A large crowd attended the Christmas luncheon given by the Relief Society. Drusella Stout and Norma Decker decorated the tables.

John and Myrtis Lou Byerly and baby have gone to Washington, D.C. John completed his master's degree the end of November.

We welcome the Nelsons and Mrs. Ron Colbrt (Lolta) into the Church. They were baptized in December.

Congratulations to Richard and Nan Hunter. Their daughter, Kathleen, was born Nov. 21—6 lb. 11 oz.

Query Coulmn

1. Dora Lee Thomson, 309 North Livermore Ave., Livermore, Calif.: John Smith of New Jersey, later Turbotville, Northumberland Co., Pa., had two sons, David and Daniel, b. 1781 or 1785, Northumberland Co., md. Sarah Van Lew or Van Low, b. 1783 or 1789 near Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa. Information on parentage of both requested.

2. Robert C. Kelly, 369 Cambridge Way, Livermore, Calif.: Compiling data on Johnson Monroe family. Johnson b. abt. 1756 md. 1 Dec. 1781, Amelia Hooper, dau of Obediah Hooper, in Lunenburg Co., Va. Lived Greenville Co., S. C.; Barren Co., Ky. Chn. md. Crews, Baird, Owen, Allen, Glazebrook. Descendants in Ky. Ill., Mo., Kans., Tenn., Ida., Ore., Calif. Who are parents of Johnson Monroe and Obediah Hooper?

3. Thora Evans Larkin, 1614 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nev. would like any additional information about: Thomas Evans, born 22 Feb. 1811 in Llanwynog, Cardigan, Wales. Married 3 Sept. 1831; died 20 March 1877 at Merthyr, Tydfil, South Wales; or his wife, Ann Davies, born 3 January 1809 in Llanwynog, Cardigan Wales, died 22 Sept. 1897.

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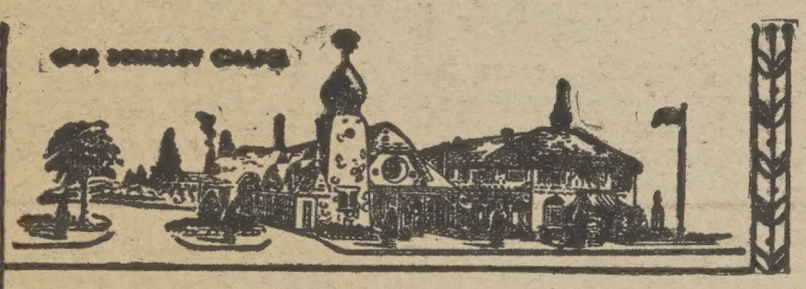
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The year 1962 will be remembered for having brought together the modern miracle of electronic data processing and the age-old miracle of selfless devotion to the Lord's work, to speed record-keeping and add more efficiency to the operation of the nine wards in the Oakland-Berkeley stake.

Back in May of 1961, Berkeley First ward experimented with the use of modern computors to provide up-to-the-minute ward lists each month.

In April of 1962 the Oakland Third ward added the data system. By September all Oakland-Berkeley stake was operating under the direction of the Stake Tabulating Committee which was formally organized in June. In preparation for adapting the system to their own wards, Bishoprics, clerks, and auxiliary officers met with representatives of the stake committe to work out their programs.

Ward directories are produced each month, complete with changes including the ins and the outs and the changes of addresses, at 600 lines a minute—or, more than 6,000 stake names in about 10 minutes.

Each line shows the ward member, sex, marital status (and whether married to a member or non-member, priesthood, telephone number, address; and by code which can be related to a list of visiting brothers it is possible to determine in very little time the names of the brothers assigned to visit the family. In addition, district numbers for the visiting brothers are shown on their line when they are assigned as visitors. For those under 25, birth dates are included.

The computor produces monthly report sheets on which the visiting brothers show visits, unemplooyment problems genealogical research hours and family group sheets completed. Visits are tabulated and included in a statistical summary which incudes all priesthoods, number of families, number of members. New lists then show number of visits in the past six months for each family.

Group sheets provide a monthly list of priesthood holders and men over 21 not ordained.

Lists by ages are provided for Sunday School, Primary and the Mutual Improvement association.

Capacity of the tabulating system is far greater than its present use, but the committee seeks to firm up basic uses and smooth the operation before programming other information.

Bishoprics, in stake meetings, seem unanimous in their agreement that the process saves a great deal of time because it provides data information at finger-tip.

The system makes use of a 1401 computor—using an average of 2½ hours per month. Key punch operators average about 20 to 25 hours a month.

Early this year, Stake President O. L. Stone visited with President Henry D. Moyle of the First Presidency and Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve, concerning use of electronic equipment for church records. Bishop Simpson of the Presiding Bishopric also requested information. Church leaders seem impressed, President Stone reports.

Allan R. Clyde, stake tabulating chairman, has met with the Pasadena Stake Presirency and bishoprics; and also with Brigham Young University officials, both of whom had requested information and have expressed deep interest.

MODERN COMPUTERS which can produce more than 600 lines a minutes covering name, address, marital status, birth date, telephone number ward visiting assignment, and the visitors who are assigned to the family, are viewed by the Oakland-Berkeley Stake Presidency. Allan R. Clyde, co-chairman of the stake tablating committee which is responsible for the electronic data processing system and who supervises programming for the machines, is demonstating how they work. Left to right are: Elmo R. Smith, first counselor; O. L. Stone, president of the stake; Allan Clyde; and W. Paul Summer hays, second counselor.

Hayward Ward

Open House For 80th Birthday

An open house was held December 2 by family and friends to honor Margaret Clark of Hayward ward for her 80th birthday. Sister Clark is well-known in Hayward stake for her needlework and her skill in quilt-making. At 80 she is still active in both needlework and quilting and delights in teaching the art to others.

Michael Lyon, serving a full-time mission in Uruguay, South America, has been transferred to Monte Video where he finds that he is in the same branch as former Hayward Bishop and Mrs. D. Ross McClellan and son Norman who are on work missions there. Michael's parents are Leonard and Elsie Lyon.

Julie Halverson's memory was honored at funeral services December 6 under the direction of Bishop Shannon Murphy. Julie was a Norwegian immigrant, and a convert to the Church.

At his arrival in Lima, Peru, Roy "Butch" Dahle was at first felled by a mysterious illness, but was cared for by a former member of the Hayward stake presidency Sterling Nicholayson and his wife. President Sterling is now mission president of Peru. Michael soon recovered and is teaching among the Peruvian people. His parents are Roy and Mary Dahle.

Oakland Third

36 Awards For Oakland Girls

Individual awards were presented to 36 Oakland Third ward girls during the month. Six of the awards were for perfect attendance. Nita Hilton received the first 7-year medallion given in the ward. Richard Pearce received his Duty to God award.

The many friends of Nellie Wattel will regret to hear of her recent death. The funeral was December 15.

The annual bazaar scored its usual success, and the money received will enable us to carry on welfare work for the coming year.

Sister Nancy Helton recently celebrated her ninety-third birthday with a party at he home of her daugher, Sister Georgiana Facer.

Cheryl Gustaveson of our ward was recently married to Richard W. Kimball of the Bay Ward in San Francisco, and was honored with a shower given by Sisters La Rue Matney and Stella Hoopes.

Jim Revell and Elaine Craven were married in the Los Angeles temple December 15.

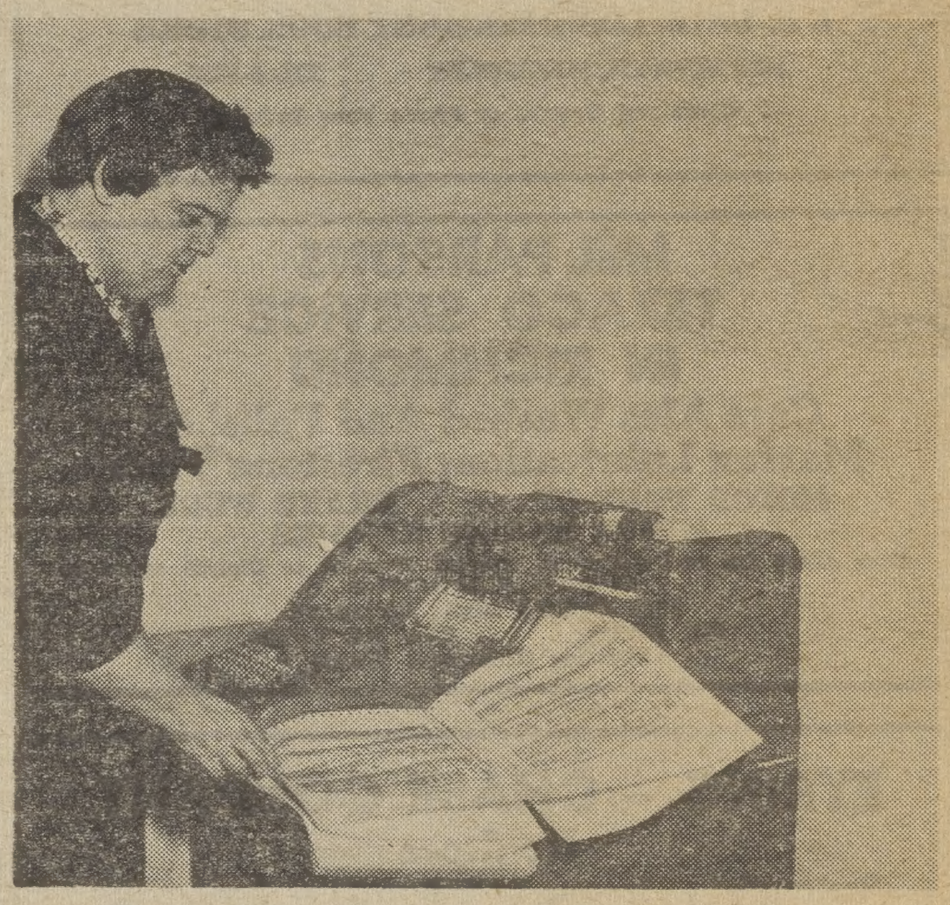
Brother and Sister Davis Kitenger welcomed a son this month, and Sister Jane Goodsell has been in Salt Lake City for some time so that she could personally welcome Eleanor's little girl, born Novembr 26. Ken and Edna Torgerson are also proud grandparents.

Our annual Christmas parties were the joyous affairs the season merits. The one for the widows and widowers was held at the home of Sister Irene Ranker December 16, the Primary party was at the center December 17 and the M.I.A. groups celebrated in lieu of their regular meeting December 18.

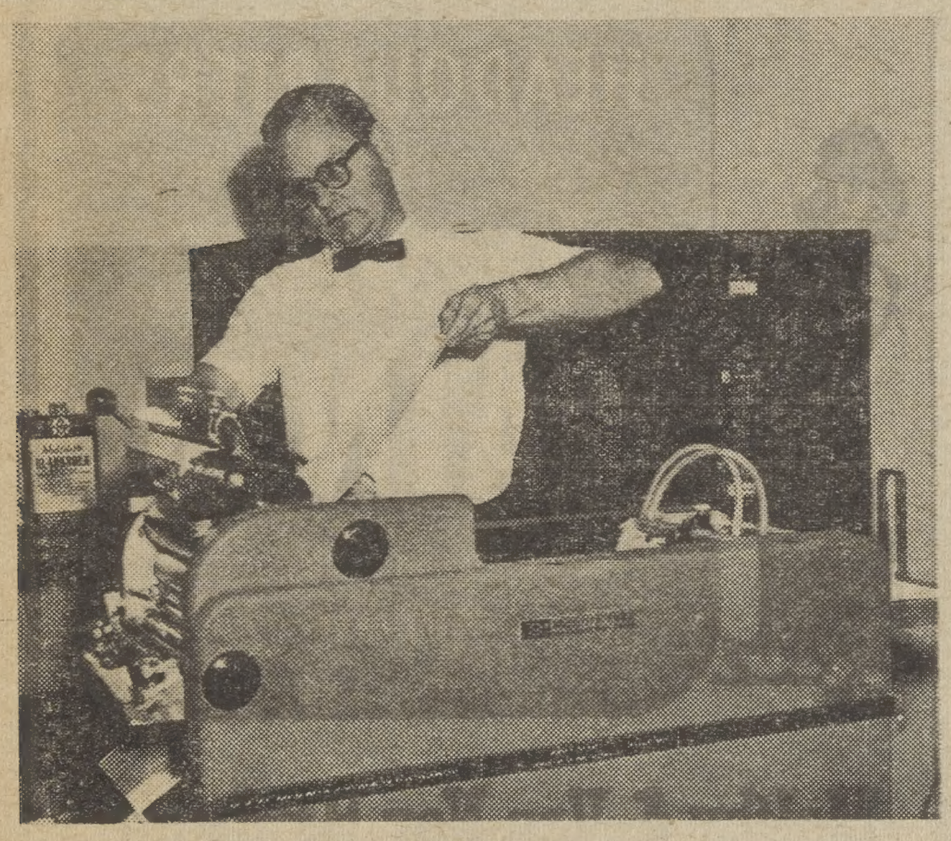
Elder Ellis Cheyney, of Brigham City, Utah, has been named supervising Elder, replacing Elder Ron Nielsen, who is now a Traveling Elder in this district.

A missionary farewell was held for Ken Matheson on December 30, previous to his leaving for his mission in the Eastern States.

Members of the Seminary Class spent December 22 at the Los Angeles temple doing baptisms for the dead.



CLAIRE GILCHRIST readies the key punch for part of the monthly electronic data processing which makes possible rapid printing of ward lists for the nine wards of Oakland-Berkeley Stake. The machine is housed at the Eastbay Interstake center.



JOSEPH KESTNER, in charge of printing for Cakland-Berkeley Stake, prepares a master for the multilith offset printer which is now located at the Eastbay Interstake center. The machine is used not only to produce monthly ward directories and other related lists, but wards also use the machine to produce Sunday bulletins and advertisements for ward functions.

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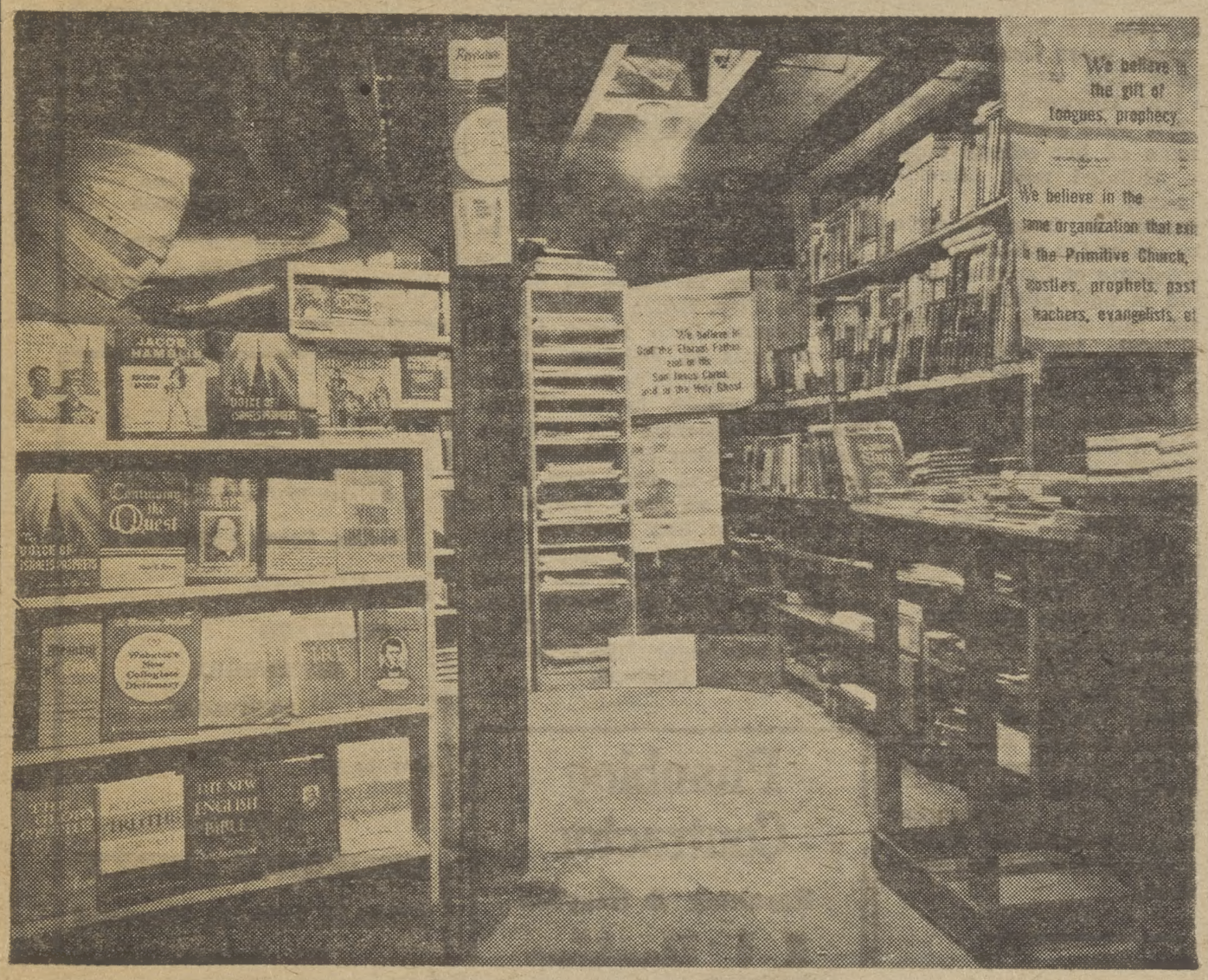

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MARY ANNE OLSEN and DAVID CLARK ADELMAN will be married in the Los Angeles Temple January 23. A reception will be held for them on January 25 at the Sunnyvale ward, Fremont Road, Sunnyvale.

Mary Olson To Wed D. Adelman

Mr. and Mrs. L. Robert Olsen of 1133 Rockefeller drive, Sunnyvale, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Anne Olson to David Clark Adelman. David is son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Adelman and a grandson of the A. B. Adelmans of Sunnyvale. They will be married in the Los Angeles temple January 23 and will greet friends at a reception at the Sunnyvale ward, Fremont Road in Sunnyvale, on January 25. Grandparents of Mary Anne are Mr. and Mrs. John E. Harris and Alice Jenkins, all of Provo, Utah.

Both Mary Anne and David are graduates of Fremont High School in Sunnyvale. She was awarded two scholarships and attended two years at Brigham Young University. She is currently enrolled in the medical assistant program at Foothills college, Los Altos, California. While in high school she was active in speech, served as a flag girl her senior year, was a member of Altrusettes and served as rally commissioner and art commissioner. At BYU she was active in the Cougarettes, dance and drill team and a member of Orchasis, a modern dance society. She was associated with the Student Nurse association.

David graduated from Fremont high school in 1957, attended San Jose City college and is currently attending San Jose State college in pre-dental. He served a two year mission to Hawaii, as assistant to the Sunday School superintendent in Sunnyvale Second ward. He is also a member of Lambda Delta Sigma.

Holiday Dinner For Balboa Ward

Balboa Ward marked the opening of the holiday season with a ward dinner December 14. The potluck dinner, chaired by the Gideon Marquardt family, was followed by community singing, led by Vern Terry and Janice Thomason, and a Christmas program. Master of ceremonies Boyd Drennan presented Sheila Peterson, Cheryl Posey, Sharon Gesek, Shirley Turri, Ruth Marquardt and Christy Ball in song and dance. Marian Redd presented "The Littlest Angel;" members of the bishopric Bishop Fred S. Ball, W. Fred Grow, and Spencer Brown sang a comedy number; and the evening was topped off with songs by the Primary children, under the direction of Lillian Allen, and the genial appearance of Santa Claus.

All members of the ward auxiliaries arel to be complimented on helping to make the dinner a pleasurable event. Sisters Marvell Anderson, Marjorie Mayfield and Jolayne Alexander of the Relief Society are especially commended for taking car of the food; credit goes to the Primary for decorating the tables.

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NEWLYWEDS JIM AND SUZANNEL (LYON) JUDD are now at home in San Jose after their marriage November 17 in the Los Angeles Temple. Suzanne is the daughter of Leanard and Elsie Lyon of Hayward ward and a granddaughter of Charles Maurer. The bridegoom is the son of the Alonzo Judds of Capitola.

Suzanne Lyon, Jim Judd Wed

Suzanne and Jim Judd are now at home in San Jose, after their marriage on Nov. 17 in the Los Angeles Temple, followed by a reception in the Castro Valley Ward cultural hall.

Suzanne is the daughter of Leonard and Elsie Lyon of Hayward Ward, and granddaughter of Charles Maurer. She is a graduate of Hayward High School, and was graduated last year from San Jose State college. She now teaches elementary school in San Jose. She has for many years taught piano in Hayward. She was active in music in both Hayward Ward and the San Jose ward where she lived during some of her college days. She was affliated with Lambda Delta Sigman.

The groom is from Capitola and is the son of the Alonzo Judds. He is a graduate of Campbell high school and is now attending San Jose state. His studies were interrupted while he completed a tour of duty with the Armed Services. He is now employed by IBM Corporaion in San Jose.

An unusual Greciam theme was carried throughout the reception, being notedin the hair styles, the gowns, the decorations and the wedding cake. Suzanne's brides maids were her sister Linda Yyon, cousins Christine Maurer of Salt Lake City and Gayle Bruerton of Hayward, and Nedra Merrick of San Francisco. Jim's attendants were Patrick O'Neil of San Jose, Daniel Watts, Hayward, and Joseph Muren, San Jose. Also in the receiving line were Max and Evelyn Auldridge of San Jose.

Suzanne and Jim honeymooned in Southern California and Mexico before returning to their new home in San Jose.

CHRISTIE PITCHER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal J. Pitcher of San Leandro First ward will be married Jan. 25, in the Logan LDS Temple, to Bruce R. Simms of Yuba City. Bruce is son of L. Glen Simms. Both young people are students at Brigham Young University. Christie is in her third year and Bruce in his fourth. Bruce is majoring in business, served a mission in the Chicago area, and served more than three years in the air force. Christie is a gaduate of San Leandro high school and is majoring in English. A reception will honor the young couple Jan. 25 in the Provo, Utah, 19th ward. An open house will be held in their honor Feb. 2, at 3167 Laura Avenue, Oakland.

Miss Nita Shutt Weds L. Hurd

Miss Nita Shutt became Mrs. Lyman Hurd on Saturday, December 15, when they were married by Conord ward Bishop Ted Madsen at the Madsen home. William Robinson acted as best man and Barbara Biskup as matron of honor. There were 22 guests present to extend their best wishes to the young couple who will make their home in Concord.

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San Leandro

Awards Given To 24 Girls

At San Leandro ward's Sacrament meeting, December 9, Dr. Pierce B. Nelson spoke on "Maturation," the various steps in maturing and the necessity for us to adapt ourseleves to changing times and environments. Verna Jackson spoke concerning youth of the church and the importance of leading and teaching the youth. This talk was followed by presentation of individual awards to 24 girls: 1 year award— Marilyn Frogge, Janice Eaton, Patricia Benson, Dee Ann Allphin, Sherrie Amundson Mary Jo Mannarino, Peggy Jo Westfall, Sandra Amundson, Margaret and Marilyn Elliot, and Carolyn Mader; 2 year—Carolie Christensen, Susan Pitcher, Sharon Clement. John Frogge; 3 year — Carlene Bock, Margaret Lauper, Gloria Randall, Venna Pitcher; 4 year—Linda Flaner, Susan Lauper, Linda Painter; 5 year—Susan Smedley and Nancy Pitcher. Individual leadership awards were presented to Sylvia Moulton, Pauline Henning, Esther Elliot, Jane Boetes and Verna Jackson. Pauline Landon played Christmas selections on the organ.

After Sacrament services the Youth Fireside was held at the home of the Raymond Christensens.

A smorgasboard dinner was held at the San Leandro ward chapel, December 7, under the direction of the bishopric.

Mutual Marrieds met at Carl Landon home December 23 for games, music and refreshments.

Frances Lauper was released as Primary secretary December 2 and Norma Gengler was sustained to succeed her.

Babies blessed December 2: Pamela Rose Mello, daughter of of Edward and Jo Ann Mello: Marcus John Simpson, son of Larry and Bonnie Simpson; and Coraline Fern Simpson, daughter of Larry and Bonnie Simpson; and Robert Allen Trevino, son of Robert Allen and Karen Lee Trevino.

As of this writing it looks like our basket ball team will go into the finals under the leadership of Harvey Hansen.

The sympathy of Ward members goes to Viola Schipper and family because of the death of her father, Brother Smithen, in December.

The M. I. A. had a talent show the last week in November, in conjunction with the "Night at Social Hall." Ed Wakefield was the emcee, and individual acts included Joan, Frogge, Barbara Neese, Kay Williams, Corinne Reed Pat Benson Marilyn Frogge Vickie Wells, and Paul Landon. Brother and Sister Garth Ludwig taught and danced with the following young people in a Polka: Joanne Frogge, Mike Estes, Barbara Neese, Greg Lunld, Eaton, and Paul Landon. Sister Ludwig also taught nine young women a special "Miserlou" number. Mary Williams Janice Eaton, Maragaret and Marilyn Elliot, Carolie Christensen, Joan Frogge, Barbara Neese, Marilyn Frogge, Janice Reed, Rose Ludwig danced the Miserlou.

Yvette Gullickson Weds G. Brayton

Miss Yvette Gullickson and George Brayton were united in marriage, December 1 at the home of Bishop Ted Madsen of Concord ward. Bishop Madsen performed the ceremony. Grant Barfuss acted as best man and Lola Berfuss as matron of honor. After the ceremony, the newly weds cut a wedding cake presented to them by Barbara Pemberton. The young couple will make their home in Concord .

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Alameda Ward

H. D. Price New Auxiliary Head

Gordon Matson, Alameda ward Superintendent of Sunday Schools and his counselors, Robert T. Peterson and Melvin Shaw were released in December. New Sunday School superintendent is Harold D. Price with Robert T. Peterson and Samuel Gardener as assistants.

The Alameda ward Relief Society ladies served a turkey dinner with all of the trimmings to the widowed sisters of the ward, December 20. At the December work-day meeting and Christmas party each Relief Society sister brough a gaily wrapped package consisting of toys, books, to equip the nursery.

Our sympathy is extended to Sister Eugenia Ahlers and family whose mother passed away in San Francisco recently.

The M. Lee Robinson family and Alameda ward are happy to know that Elder Lee Robinson and his companion have led the mission in San Salvador, Central America, in proselying hours for five consecutive weeks.

The William B. Schow family has enjoyed a visit of several days from two of Sister Schow's sisters from Salt Lake City: Mrs. Louise Hopkin and Mrs. Lillian Flygre, who are both Temple workers.

Gary and Merrilyn Hansen Zobel of Rio Vista had their new daughter, Caren Marie, blessed December 2. Merrilyn's father, Merrill Hansen, now residing in Sunnyvale, blessed the baby. All of the family attended.

Recently baptized in Alameda ward were Curtis and Cathy Ahlers, children of Eugenia Ahlers; and David Russell.

Nicky Pappas has been sustained as ward correlator; and Gary Miner has been sustained as MIA Music Director for Almeda ward.

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Services in the memory of Christine Ann Ford, infant daughter of James and Constance Ford, were held Thursday, December 27 at 11 a.m. at Robinson Brothers mortuary. Officiating was Dale E. Roe of the Bishopric of the Oakland Fourth ward. Christine Anne Ford, was born July 10, 1962, died December 24 after a respiratory illness.

Bishop Herbert Marsh, who was Bishop of Castro Valley Second ward when the Fords lived there, and Curtis R. Bybee, a member of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake high council, were speakers.

Elder Harlow B. Christianson of the Northern California Mission gave the invocation and served as organist. Miss Barbara Wright sang two solos, "Light Divine" and "Dearest Children." Benediction was by Bruce M. Beck of the Northern California mission.

Interment was in the Lone Tree cemetery in Hayward, where the graveside prayer was by Christine man Parker.
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Claremont Ward

Ward Parties For Christmas

With the advent of the New Year, we have many fond Christmas memories from the past several weeks:

The Claremont ward Relief Society held a Christmas party December 18. The program included a playlet taken from "Little Women." Eunice Knecht, Helen Madsen, Betty Moss, Dee Bennion, and Caroline Anderson dressed in old-fashioned costumes and portrayed the well-known "Christmas in the March Family" during the Civil War. Dee Bennion read a poem, Lily Blackburn sang, Cheryl Smith read "The Littlest Angel," and Linda Peterson provided prelude music and led the group in Christmas carols. Geneva Hess and Bea Lenfesty served refreshments.

The M. I. A. held a caroling party December 18. After plenty of singing, they adjourned to the home of Douglas and Dee Bennion where refreshments were served.

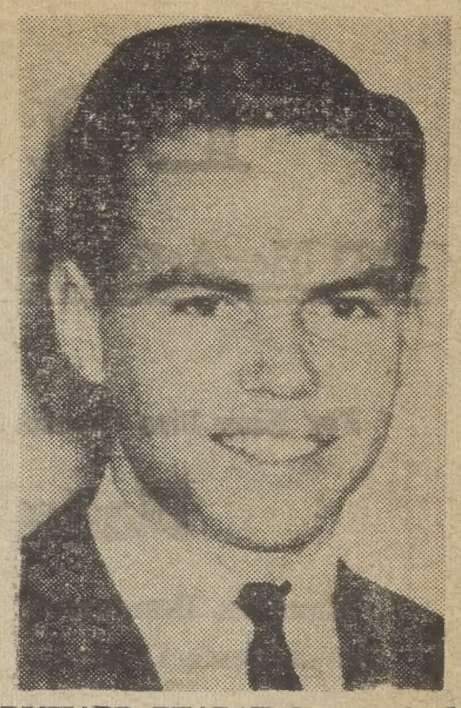
The Ward Christmas party on December 21 was well attended. The Elders Quorum served a meat loaf dinner, the playlet from "Little Women" was again performed, the Primary children sang for us, and Santa Claus made his appearance. A special feature of the program was a vocal trio, composed of our bishopric, Bishop Wood, Bill Knecht, and Dean Madsen, who sang "We Three Kings."

The Young Marrieds held a Christmas Fireside December 16 at the home of Mary and Betty Moss. Dorothy Bench sang several solos. Rhean Griffin read "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas." and everyone joined in singing carols and rounds.

Our three missionaries have returned to us this fall. We were pleased to hear the reports of Ernest Ahlborn and James Barnes. Dave Tucker arrived home on Christmas Eve, and we are looking forward to hearing the report of his mission.

LaVern Barry and William Moore were married in the Chapel on December 1. A reception followed in the cultural hall. William is in the Navy, and the two are living in an apartment behind the Barry's home.

Caroline and Dick Anderson are the parents of boy named David, at nine-and-a-half pounds.



RICHARD PEARCE, has received his Duty to God award which combines activity and attendance in the Scouting Program with the additional requirement that the young man receive four individual Aaronic Priesthood awards. Active in sports, including the Third ward championship softball and basketball teams, he is a graduate of Oakland high school and is in his secondd year at University of California where he won a scholarship two years ago. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lin Pearce.

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